

REMARKS

Applicants are amending Claims 1, 13, 34, 39, 44 and 49 to change the word “edge” to “end portion.” Applicants are also amending Claims 55-60 to change “luminescent material” to “electroluminescent layer.” These amendments are for clarification purposes. Neither of these amendments is in response to a patentability rejection. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that each of these amendments be entered and allowed.

Applicants have the following response to the Office Action of December 13, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner has the following rejections under 35 USC §103(a):

- A. Claims 1-4, 6, 13-16, 18, 30-33 and 49-55 as being unpatentable over Beesely (US 5,400,047) in view of Terao et al. (US 6,133,581)
- B. Claims 34-37 and 56 as being unpatentable over Beesely in view of Terao and further in view of Kusunoki et al. (US 6,570,321).
- C. Claim 38 as being unpatentable over Beesely in view of Terao in further view of Kusunoki, in further view of Codama et al. (US 6,037,712)
- D. Claims 39, 40-42, 44-47, 57 and 58 as being unpatentable over Beesely in view of Terao in further view of Kusunoki, in further view of Yokoi et al. (US 5,962,970).
- E. Claims 43 and 48 as being unpatentable over Beesely in view of Terao in further view of Kusunoki, in further view of Yokoi, in further view of Codama.

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 1, 13, 34, 39, 44 and 49 to recite “an electroluminescent layer formed over the insulating film and the anode and in contact with a part of the anode,” and “a cathode formed over the electroluminescent layer.” These features are supported, for example, by page 6, lns. 12-15 and Figs. 1B and 1C of the present application. These features are

advantageous in that by forming the claimed insulating film between adjacent anodes, an end portion of the anode can be separated from the electroluminescent layer. Further, by forming the claimed insulating layer as recited in the amended claims, the electroluminescent layer is in contact with a part of the anode.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references disclose or suggest this feature. For example, in Beesely, alleged electrode 64 is not in contact with alleged luminescent layer 58. Terao also does not show this feature.

Therefore, independent Claims 1, 13, 34, 39, 44 and 49 are not disclosed by the cited references but are patentable thereover. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion


It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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